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From: Secretary of the Navy
To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: CENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. NAVY SUBMARINE FORCE

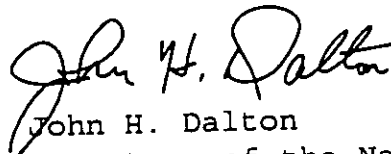
1. **Purpose.** To designate calendar year 2000 as the commemorative period for celebrating the Centennial of the U.S. Navy Submarine Force and assign coordination responsibilities.
2. **Background.** USS HOLLAND (SS-1) was purchased by the U.S. Navy from John Holland following acceptance trials on April 11, 1900. Powered by a gasoline engine on the surface and battery supplied electric motors while submerged, Holland's design included several technical advancements over other early submarine designs which satisfied the Navy's concerns regarding the suitability of such a vessel. USS HOLLAND (SS-1) demonstrated to the U.S. Navy the potential of the submarine as a fighting platform. Dramatic modifications and improvements to the submarine have been made since USS HOLLAND. However, it was only due to the success of USS HOLLAND that the U.S. Navy pursued the submarine program. For this reason, the Submarine Force traditionally recognizes April 11th as the anniversary of its establishment. It is appropriate that during the Submarine Force's 100th birthday, Navy and Marine Corps personnel, the American public, and friends and allies overseas be afforded the maximum opportunity to observe and experience the special world of the U.S. Navy's Submarine Force and to become more acquainted with its rich and colorful history.
3. **Action.**
 - a. The period from January 2000 through December 2000 is designated for the commemoration of the Centennial of the U.S. Navy's Submarine Force. All naval activities are strongly encouraged to observe the anniversary at appropriate occasions throughout the year. Educational programs emphasizing the Submarine Force's history are encouraged during the years leading

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up to the commemorative period. Recognition of the exploits of submarines and achievement of submarine personnel during the past 100 years will be noted in public speeches, statements, open house events, change of command ceremonies, establishment or commissioning ceremonies, national holidays and other public events whenever feasible.

b. The Director, Submarine Warfare Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (N87), Washington, DC, is assigned responsibility for overall coordination of the U.S. Navy's Submarine Force Centennial commemoration.

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John H. Dalton
Secretary of the Navy

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